[Mr. K. Krishnan Nayar]

(*a*) the date of appointment of each as such ; and

(*b*) the period during which each of them held office ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The statement* required is laid on the table.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*): From the Statment given I see that out of the 14 appointments made during the course of the last 15 years, 11 are given to Brahmins. May I know whether there is any special reason for this ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*,: These appointments were made long ago and I am not in a position to say what were the special reasons that induced Government to select a particular individual.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*): I want to know whether there is not a sufficient number of hands available from other communities ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : These appointments are selection appointments and the question of efficiency must have been taken into consideration by Government.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know whether this fact had been brought to their notice. when they filled up the Assistant Head Sirkar Vakils' places very recently ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : They were aware of this.

Statement, by caste, of the Sirkar Vakils and their subordinates in the State.

450 **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table statements, by caste, showing separately the names of the Sirkar Vakils of all classes and the subordinates of all grades in their offices, in the State ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The statements† are laid on the table.

Action on the Report of the Minor Irrigation Committee.

451 **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the action taken by them on the recommendations of the Minor Irrigation Committee ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Orders have been issued to the Land Revenue Commissioner and the Director of Agriculture and Fisheries for the agriculturists and planters being warned against the evils resulting from the cultivation of grass lands and other forest lands adjoining sources of irrigation and for teaching them scientific ways of cultivating such lands when their cultivation has inevitably to be resorted to (vide paragraph 43 of the Report.) Government have approved the recommendation that the Irrigation Officers should have summary powers to deal with encroachments in their charge (vide paragraph 47) and this along with other amendments to the Irrigation Regulation of 1072 proposed in the Report, have been referred to the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil for scrutiny and for drafting a concise amendment to the Regulation and a set of rules to be issued thereunder.

* *Vide* Appendix VII—page x. † *Vide* Appendix VIII—page xii.

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The other recommendations made in the Report are being considered by Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): How long is it since the report was submitted ?

PRESIDENT : The answer to the next question gives you the date on which the report was submitted, 3rd October 1931.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Was the question, of allotting more funds for irrigation works according to the recommendation of the Irrigation Committee, considered when the Budget was prepared ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : That question was in the mind of Government ; but Government had to obtain the recommendations of the Heads of Departments on the matter.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): The head of which department, please ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The Chief Engineer, the Land Revenue Commissioner.....

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Was a report called for from the Chief Engineer with regard to the question of allotting more funds for irrigation works ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : His opinion was called for on the proposals of the Irrigation Committee.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : As a whole ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*)) : Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) Before the preparation of the Budget, was the opinion of the Chief Engineer called for separately with regard to the allotment of more funds under irrigation ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

The Irrigation Committee.

452 **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Irrigation Committee submitted its report to Government ;

(*b*) whether they have considered its proposals ; and

(*c*) the action taken so far on the proposals ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) On the 3rd October 1931.

(*b*) and (*c*) The member is referred to the answer to question No. 451 by Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan.

Statement, by caste, of persons appointed in the Sanitary Department during 1106-1107.

453 **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the appointments made in the Sanitary Department during the two years ending the 15th Mithunam 1107 ?

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